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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th April 1866.*

No. 23. Read the following letter from the Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 23rd March 1866, No. 149:—

1. I have the honor to solicit the favor of early instructions, with reference to my letter No. 142 of the 6th instant, as Lieutenant Nichol still occupies the house of the Assistant Superintendent on the Neddivuttum Chinchona Plantations, which is productive of considerable inconvenience both to myself and Mr. Dawson, the Assistant in charge of the Plantations.

* Letter from Lieutenant Nichol, dated 5th March 1866.
Letter from the Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations, No. 144, dated 10th March 1866.

2. I have the honor to enclose some farther correspondence* between myself and Lieutenant Nichol, and would observe that on the 14th instant, I personally called on Lieutenant Nichol, and asked for the production of his advance account, in order that it might be audited, but he refused to submit any account.

3. I may observe, for the information of Government, that upwards of eight months ago I was under the necessity of warning Lieutenant Nichol that his services would not be required, in consequence of the uniform failure attendant on all works entrusted to his care; and no amendment being effected, I was constrained to remove him from charge of the works, placing these directly under the Overseers, and the Jail work under the Assistant in charge of the Pykara Plantation, as per Memorandum† annexed.

† No. 75.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1866, No. 784.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded, with reference to G. O. dated 26th March 1866, No. 730.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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To
W. G. M. Loan Esq
Superintendent
Govt. Gardens
Botanica

Sir

I received your letter of the 3rd Inst. only this morning at 11 o'clock, I shall not reply at present, for the suppositions you express in the first paragraph of it, but you will certainly hear from me, or from my solicitor on the subject hereafter.

I have offered no obstruction to you in the execution of what you consider your duty, except in so far as I consider necessary for my own safety, it does not dwell my convenience to leave here before the first of next month and unless you carry out your threat of having me removed forcibly I shall not leave.

The person you have appointed to succeed me has taken charge of the Estate and under your instructions he gave me 15 minutes to remove my family and my property from Hedderwathum. Even if I were obliged to leave on such short notice, it would be impossible that I could arrange to do so in so short a time, especially when I was told that I could not be allowed a single copy from the Estate for the purpose. He mentioning that he collected every movable person on the property to remove us and mine by force, but perhaps thought better of it and has withdrawn for the present, from using such unbecoming and illegal violence.

I am not aware that the Estate accounts, any more than the advance account have ever been audited and I cannot abide by the result of a cursory and incomplete examination of them by persons who are notoriously interested in my removal, I do not consider myself responsible for unadjusted advances and I will not and myself to the system which I believe, at one time existed on these Estates for the unjust and excessive expenditure in charge.

The persons you have departed from, time
to time, to examine my accounts have no authority
to pass them, and as you will not examine them
yourself, I have, as already reported, placed them in
the hands of gentlemen with no other motive than
your not being object. I have done this not only to
settle the matter finally, but to secure them from
being forcibly removed from my charge, probably by some
other person.

You allude to a report that I had
misapplied money entrusted to me, but I had some
matters to go by, and I was, who had occasion to
find fault with me, who was allowed to do so.
At the time you received his reports, you characterized
him as a malicious and revengeful man, and
you were, the subject evidently to strengthen you
in your violent proceedings against me.
Let your state that you are, not in correspondence
with Government, and as your name is referred to
before them; I have no alternative but to do so
myself.

Yours, the same to be,
Sir
Your most obedt servant,
J. C. P. Michel
J. C. P. Michel

W. H. Matthews
Edin: St. St.
5th March 1866

Government Gardens
Patacamayo 22nd Sept 1865

Official Memo

In consequence of the want of
system which prevails on the Patacamayo
Chincha Plantations in the arrangement
of the workmen, and the great waste of labor
arising therefrom, the Supt. is constrained
to issue the following instructions for the
guidance of the Asst. Supt. & Overseers.

The whole of the men shall be worked
in gangs on the different Plantations, and
under the immediate charge of their res-
pective Overseers, who shall be responsible
for the work performed. The daily work of
each gang to be marked off by flags so that
it may be conveniently tested and inspected
by the Supt.

The Supt. on his visit to the Plantations
will show & explain individually to each O-
verseer the work to be performed & the manner
in which it is to be performed. The Overseers
on receiving such instructions, to note in his In-
memorandum book that he understands the
same, so that there may be no excuse for care-
lessness in their performance.

In order to give the Overseers an influ-
ence over their workmen they will each manage
their own gangs under the Supervision of the
Asst. Supt.

Each Overseer will keep the nominal
Roll of workmen and make up & transmit punctu-
ally through the Asst. Supt. the weekly reports
of labor employed & work done.

The Asst. Supt. daily to visit & note the
number employed in each gang, but he is
not to interfere in the performance of the
work, as in this respect it is necessary to fix
the whole responsibility on the Overseers in
charge.

The Supt disapproves of the system of smoking, which prevails on the war M, and disallows the employment of labor in carrying fire.

The persons in the plantations to be employed in carrying messages, but the laborers not to be employed in this manner except in urgent necessity

(Signed) M. G. Mc Ivor
Supt. Govt. Chin. Plantations.

(True Copy)

M. G. Mc Ivor
Supt. Govt. Chin. Plantations

In a letter from the
Supt. Govt. Chin. Plantations
to the Secretary to Govt.
Dated: Sept. 1. 1866
No 119 of 25 March
1866

N^o 144

From,

The Superintendent
Govt. Chin. Plantations
Cotacambund

To,

Captain G. Nichol
Veddivattum

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst, and regret you should so far forget the respect due to your position, as wilfully to misconstrue my letter of the 3rd inst. N^o 140, also that in the concluding Paragraph of your letter under reply you should make an assertion which you know to be altogether incorrect.

2. You are at liberty to retain your advance account book, and make it over to any person you please for audit, although even this course is irregular, but I am willing to make you every reasonable concession, but please let the audit be made at once, and furnish me with the result in details, so that I may pass the account if correct.

3. In the meantime I again call upon you to pay over to Mr. Dawson the cash remaining in your hands, if as you state, it has not been misapplied by you; also to deliver over the other books of the Estate in order that last month's account may be audited prior to payment. You will also be good enough to submit at once an

an account shewing how the advances made to you have been applied, and if this account is supported by correct vouchers, it will be passed.

4 Should you wish to avoid a supposition of your being affected by temporary derangement or intoxication, you should study to make your actions harmonize with those of a rational being. Take a view of what you have done and are doing, and try to reconcile it with reason.

You first refuse to make over charge of the Plantations, because you could not remove your family; this difficulty I overcame for you; you then refused to make over charge of the estate, because your advance accounts were not audited, I called upon you to produce an account for audit, this you

refused to do; I then appointed a duly authorized person to make up your accounts for audit, and sent him out for this purpose, to Muddivuttum when you insult and threaten him, and refuse to show or give him any account, and were not content with this conduct, and apparently to render audit impossible you remove every account book off the estate. If the estate books & other Govt property are not at once made over to Mr. Dawson, I will adopt proceedings to procure them.

I have the honor to be
Signed M. L. M. Iron
Supt. Govt C. P.

(True Copy)

M. L. Iron
Supt. Govt Clin. Plant.

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1 Lt. Col. J. G. P. Chundam Blackham Des. 6 Apr 66

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The Supt. Govt. Chin. Plant
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*To
The Secretary to Govt
Rev. Secy.
Madras*

*No 1149
Dated 23rd March 1866
Recd. 28th.*

3 Encs:-

*Solicits the favor of
early instructions to
his letter No 1142 dated
6th March 1866.*

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Recorded with
reference to*

*G.O dated 26th March
1866, No 730.-*

5th Dec 1866. L